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ANNUAL POSTHUMOUS VETERANS MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL CEREMONY
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(SALEM, NJ) - Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee, announced today that the Salem County Freeholders will be hosting a Posthumous Military Medal Ceremony at Salem Old Court House, 104 Market Street in Salem, NJ, on May 18, 2011.

"We are now taking applications for the third presentation of the Salem County Service Medal to honor our local veterans," said Freeholder Bobbitt. "These posthumous award ceremonies have become an annual event in Salem County for our veterans and their families".

The Salem County Military Service Medal was created to express the County's gratitude by honoring its residents who have served on active duty with any branch of the United States Regular Active Armed Forces and were separated under honorable conditions. Additionally, applicants must have served on active duty for 180 days or more in order to qualify. Exception to the 180 day rule will apply to Reservist and National Guardsmen who were called up for active duty for support of operations in South West Asia or any veteran who was discharged because of a non-pre-existing medical condition.

"We are very proud of our veterans and we continue to honor those men and women every chance we get. The medal is a small token of our appreciation for their service to the country and dedication to the cause of freedom," said Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt.

Applications with instructions are available at the following locations:

Pennsville Registrar of Vital Statistics; Penns Grove Borough Hall; Carneys Point Borough Hall; Elmer Public Library; Hancocks Bridge Municipal Building; Pittsgrove Municipal Building; and Pilesgrove Tax Office.

Applications are also available in the lobby of the New Courthouse. All applications must be received by May 6, 2011. Please contact Clinton Jones, Salem County Veterans' Service Coordinator for more information on the medal or eligibility at (856) 339-8603.